

Practical News - Incorporating livestock with small grains at Prevo Farms

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Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.



Minimize inputs and risk with PFI's N Rate Risk Protection Program

Ready to find out how much nitrogen you need to maintain your corn yields? When you enroll acres in PFI's **N Rate Risk Protection Program**, you'll reduce your application by 20 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

If your yield drops below 95% of your 10-year average production history, PFI will pay \$35 an acre to help cover that loss of revenue.

Lance Velboom (pictured), who farms near Grinnell, Iowa, says his enrolled field had the highest yield last year. "I plan to enroll additional acres and reduce all anhydrous applications by 20 pounds per acre in 2024," he says.

[Learn more and apply by April 30.](#)

ON THE BLOG

Blog: "Incorporating Livestock With Small Grains and Cover Crops: Lessons From a Century Farm"



Over the past several years, **Kevin Prevo** and his family have diversified their Bloomfield, Iowa, farm while adding income streams and increasing soil health.

One change included adding rye to their rotation and marketing seed and straw. Another was grazing cover crops in the winter and using hog manure for over 95% of on-farm fertility needs. [Learn more about their farm on the blog.](#)

NEWS

Recognize a sustainability-minded landowner



PFI is now seeking nominees for the 2024 Farmland Owner Legacy Award.

Nominate a landowner you know who has used their land to help the next generation get started, advance land stewardship and promote long-term sustainability of farm businesses, environmental quality and rural communities.

[View past recipients and submit a nomination today.](#)

Chris Henning was the recipient of PFI's 2022 Farmland Owner Legacy Award.

Catch winter webinar replays on our YouTube channel



If you missed a winter webinar, don't worry! [Recordings are available on our YouTube channel.](#)

There are still five winter webinars left this year. Join us on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Central time.

[View our lineup and RSVP.](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Become a PFI member for life



There are so many reasons to become a lifetime member of PFI. Besides never having to worry about your membership lapsing, you'll also help ensure our programs last for many years to come.

We currently have an incredible 196 lifetime members. Will you help us reach 200? [Learn how it works, see who's on the list and start your own lifetime membership today.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter webinar: "Alternative Third Crop? Relay Cropping Winter Camelina With Soybeans"



Tuesday, March 19 | Noon-1 p.m.

For the past two years, **Robert Harvey** has been working with Heartland Co-op's **Ruth McCabe** to successfully relay-crop winter camelina and soybeans on his Redfield, Iowa, farm.

Join us at our next winter webinar to learn about Robert's first successful crop of winter camelina using this system and how he's testing it as a prospective third crop that fits in his corn and soybean rotations.

More upcoming events

All events listed are in Central time.

March 26: Webinar – Trees and Bees: How Agroforestry Benefits Insects and Farmers

Hosted by: Ann Novak and Sally McCoy (Bouska sisters) & Zach Burhenn
Noon-1 p.m. | [Online](#)

April 2: Webinar – Establishing and Grazing Native Perennials

Hosted by: Kevin Fulton
Noon-1 p.m. | [Online](#)

April 3: Meet-up – Meet & Greet: Practical Farmers and Pheasants Forever

Noon-3 p.m. | Mankato, MN

April 11: Social – Field Crop Farmer Social

Hosted by: Troy Benjegerdes
5-7 p.m. | Northwood, IA

[View our events calendar](#)

IN THE NEWS

Members in the News

Showcasing member voices and their diverse, independent viewpoints.

Donna Warhaver of Mount Vernon, IA, was featured on [Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network](#): [PFI's Labor4Learning program offers hands-on experience for new farmers](#)

Melissa and Bill Frederick of Jefferson, IA, and **James Holz** of Grand Junction, IA, were featured in [Iowa Farmer Today](#): [Iowa woman combines mom, farm duties](#)

Beth Hoffman of Lovilia, IA, was mentioned in [The Clinton Herald: Sawmill Museum resumes Speaker Series](#)

Mark Westbrook of Waverly, IA, was featured in an [Iowa Waste Reduction Center](#) news release: [Paha Cider is the First Cidery Certified by the Iowa Green Brewery Certification](#)

Mitchell Hora of Brighton, IA, was featured in [Owatonna People's Press: Getting paid for low carbon farming](#)

James Holz of Grand Junction, IA, and **Bill Frederick** of Jefferson, IA, were featured in [Greene County News Online: Ag Leader Award to Iowa Cover Crop](#)

PFI in the News

Stefan Gailans, PFI's senior research manager, was featured on [Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network: PFI inviting farmers to participate in on-farm trials](#)

Martha McFarland, PFI's senior farmland viability coordinator, was featured in [Faribault Daily News: Free program with lunch planned for female farmers](#)

PFI was mentioned in [BNN Breaking: Iowa Grapples with Rising Nitrate Levels in Streams Amid Prolonged Drought, Calls for Agricultural Reform](#)

Have you been featured in the media? If you're a PFI member, tell us when and where to find a link to the article, and we'll feature you in a future issue of Practical News.

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